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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager
DATE: June 8, 2015
SUBJECT: Sustainability Committee Motions

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide you with correspondence received from the Sustainability Committee regarding the two motions made at the meeting held on May 28, 2015.

Attachment


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City of Miami Beach Sustainability Committee

David Doeblar, Chair TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

Members: FROM: David Doeblar, Sustainability Committee Chair

Steve Vicenti

Debra Leibowitz

Michael DeFilippi

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Wendy Hart

Cheryl Jacobs

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Dear Mayor and Honorable City Commission:

The Sustainability Committee met on May 28, 2015, and passed the below two motions regarding the existing storm drain grate pilot program and our City's tree canopy.

1. Per the successful results on the current storm drain grate pilot program described by the Infrastructure Division Director, the Sustainability Committee recommends that the City consider the expansion of the storm drain grate pilot program to include all inlets located within the entertainment districts and within residential streets that have high pedestrian traffic and an abundant tree canopy.
2. The Sustainability Committee urges the City to ensure that tree canopy is prioritized and considered as an integral part of the private development and Public Works projects from their very outset, since tree canopy is a key component for storm water management, flooding mitigation, climate change resiliency and environmental protection. Furthermore, the Committee recommends that these efforts include fulfilling the City's prior Million Trees Miami commitment to provide a minimum of 30% tree canopy coverage by 2020.

As an Advisory Committee, we sincerely ask that consideration be given to the above motions.

Sincerely,



David Doeblar
Chairperson, Sustainability Committee